38. (Added) The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the input comprises a designation of a type of the appliance.

39. (Added) The method as recited in claim 38, wherein the input further comprises a selection of one of a plurality of possible command code sets for the type of the appliance.

40. (Added) The method as recited in claim 39, further comprising causing the remote control device to transmit a command code selected from each of the plurality of possible command code sets and selecting the one of the plurality of possible command code sets that includes a transmitted command code when the appliance responds by performing a function associated with the transmitted command code.

41. (Added) The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the input comprises a designation of a brand of the appliance.

42. (Added) The method as recited in claim 41, wherein the input further comprises a selection of one of a plurality of possible command code sets for the brand of the appliance.

43. (Added) The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the input comprises an alphanumeric code representative of a type and a brand of the appliance.

44. (Added) The method as recited in claim 43, wherein the alphanumeric code is further representative of one or more models within the type and the brand of the appliance.

45. (Added) The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the input comprises a selection of one of a plurality of command code sets downloaded into the remote control device.

46. (Added) The method as recited in claim 45, further comprising downloading at least a portion of the plurality of command code sets via an Internet connection.

47. (Added) The method as recited in claim 45, further comprising downloading at least a portion of the plurality of command code sets via a telephonic connection.

48. (Added) The method as recited in claim 36, further comprising providing on a Web server data for adapting the remote control device to transmit commands recognizable by the appliance.

49. (Added) The method as recited in claim 48, accepting input at the Web server used to select data for adapting the remote control device to transmit commands recognizable by the appliance.

50. (Added) The method as recited in claim 49, wherein the input comprises a designation of a brand of the appliance.

51. (Added) The method as recited in claim 50, wherein the input comprises a selection of one of a plurality of possible command code sets for the brand of appliance.

52. (Added) The method as recited in claim 49, wherein the input comprises a designation of a type of the appliance.

53. (Added) The method as recited in claim 52, wherein the input further comprises a selection of one of a plurality of possible command code sets for the type of the appliance.

54. (Added) The method as recited in claim 49, wherein the input comprises an alphanumeric code representative of a type and brand of the appliance.

55. (Added) The method as recited in claim 54, wherein the alphanumeric code is further representative of one or more models within the type and the brand of the appliance.

REMARKS

In the application claims 1-55 remain pending. Support for added claims may be found in the specification and figures originally filed. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance. Such action on the part of the Examiner is respectfully requested. Should it be determined, however, that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the attorney undersigned.